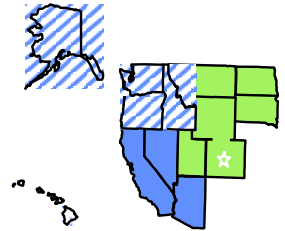




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FEDERAL AGENCY NEWS & REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) INFORMATION

AIR INFORMATION:

FINAL RULE – PROTECTION OF ATMOSPHERIC OZONE: ALLOCATION OF ESSENTIAL USE ALLOWANCES FOR 2004 – On 28 January 2004 (69 FR 4059), EPA allocated essential use allowances for import and production of class I stratospheric ozone depleting substances (ODSs) for calendar year 2004. Essential use allowances enable a person to obtain controlled class I ODSs as an exemption to the regulatory ban of production and import of these chemicals, which became effective on 1 January 1996. EPA allocates essential use allowances for exempted production or import of a specific quantity of class I ODS solely for the designated essential purpose. This final rule was effective 28 January 2004. For further information, contact Scott Monroe, EPA at (202) 343-9712, or e-mail monroe.scott@epa.gov.

FINAL RULE – NESHAP FOR ORGANIC LIQUIDS DISTRIBUTION – On 3 February 2004 (69 FR 5038), EPA promulgated national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for new and existing organic liquids distribution (OLD) (non-gasoline) operations, which are carried out at storage terminals, refineries, crude oil pipeline stations, and various manufacturing facilities. These NESHAP require all OLD operations at plant sites that are major sources to meet hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions standards reflecting the application of the maximum achievable control technology (MACT). EPA estimates that the final standards will result in the reduction of HAP emissions from major sources with OLD operations by 60 percent. The NESHAP were effective 3 February 2004. For further information, contact Martha Smith, EPA at (919) 541-242, or e-mail smith.martha@epa.gov.

PROPOSED RULE – NSPS/EMISSION GUIDELINES FOR SOLID WASTE INCINERATION UNITS On 15 February 2004 (69 FR 7390), EPA proposed definitions of "solid waste," "commercial and industrial waste," and "commercial and industrial solid waste incineration unit," for purposes of EPA's new source performance standards (NSPS) and emission guidelines for commercial and industrial solid waste incineration units (CISWI). The definitions are in response to a petition for review challenging the original CISWI rule promulgated on 1 December 2000. Comments must be received by 18 March 2004. For further information, contact Fred Porter, EPA at (919) 541-5251.

PROPOSED RULE – NESHAP/STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY UNITS On 30 January 2004 (69 FR 4651), EPA proposed to set NESHAP, and alternatively, to set standards of performance for mercury (Hg) for new and existing coal-fired electric utility steam generating units, and for nickel (Ni) for new and existing oil-fired utility units. In either event, EPA intends to require reductions in the emissions of Hg and Ni from coal- and oil-fired utility units, respectively. This action is part of a broader effort to issue a coordinated set of emissions limitations for the power sector. The proposed section 112 "MACT" rule would require coal- and oil-fired utility units to meet HAP emissions standards reflecting the application of MACT. EPA also co-proposed implementing a cap-and-trade program under section 112. Comments are due by 30 March 2004. For further information, contact William Maxwell, EPA at (919) 541-5430, or e-mail maxwell.bill@epa.gov.

PROPOSED REGULATION – INTERSTATE TRANSPORT OF FINE PARTICULATE AND OZONE – On 30 January 2004 (69 FR 4565), EPA proposed to find that 29 states contribute significantly to nonattainment of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for fine particles (PM_{2.5}) and/or 8-hour ozone in downwind states. EPA proposed to require these upwind states to revise their State Implementation Plans (SIPs) to include control measures to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and/or nitrogen oxides (NO_x). SO₂ is a precursor to PM_{2.5} formation, and NO_x is a precursor to both ozone and PM_{2.5} formation. Reducing upwind precursor emissions will assist the downwind PM_{2.5} and 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas in achieving the NAAQS. EPA proposed statewide emissions reductions for SO₂ and NO_x to be implemented in two phases (in 2010 and 2015). The proposed emissions reduction requirements are based on controls that are known to be highly cost effective for electric generating units. Comments are due by 30 March 2004. For further information, contact Scott Mathias, EPA at (919) 541-5310, or e-mail mathias.scott@epa.gov.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – UPDATE OF APPLICABILITY DETERMINATIONS – On 20 February 2004 (69 FR 7926), EPA announced applicability determinations, alternative monitoring decisions, and regulatory interpretations that it has made under NSPS, NESHAP, and the Stratospheric Ozone Protection Program. For further information, contact Maria Malave, EPA at (202) 564-7027, or link <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/assistance/applicability>.

WASTE INFORMATION:

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN CHECKLIST - EPA has released a new factsheet entitled "A Checklist for Resubmitting Your Risk Management Plan (RMP) for Chemical Accident Prevention." The factsheet provides information on updating existing RMPs. Most facilities submitted their initial RMP's by the original 21 June 1999 deadline and have not resubmitted their RMPs since. This means that most RMP's must be fully updated and resubmitted by 21 June 2004. This factsheet provides a checklist for preparing a 5-year update. It is available at [http://yosemite.epa.gov/oswer/ceppoweb.nsf/vwResourcesByFilename/RMP2004-chklist.pdf/\\$File/RMP2004-chklist.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/oswer/ceppoweb.nsf/vwResourcesByFilename/RMP2004-chklist.pdf/$File/RMP2004-chklist.pdf)

WATER INFORMATION:

FINAL RULE – APPROVAL OF METHOD FOR DETECTION OF COLIFORMS AND E. COLI – On 13 February 2004 (69 FR 7156), EPA approved the ColitagTM method to support previously established requirements for National Primary Drinking Water Regulation compliance monitoring for total coliforms and E. coli in finished drinking water. This action provides water utilities and certified laboratories an additional analytical method option to test for total coliforms and E. coli. The rule will be effective 15 March 2004. For further information contact Gregory Carroll, EPA at (513) 569-7948, or e-mail carroll.gregory@epa.gov.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – CASE STUDIES OF WATERSHED ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT On 9 February 2004 (69 FR 5979), EPA announced the availability of a final report titled: "Integrating Ecological Risk Assessment and Economic Analysis in Watersheds: a Conceptual Approach and Three Case Studies" (EPA/600/R-03/140R), which was prepared by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment of the Office of Research and Development. The report is available at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>.



GENERAL INFORMATION

FINAL RULE – SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CLOSING AND REALIGNING MILITARY

INSTALLATIONS – On 12 February 2004 (69 FR 6848), DoD issued the final selection criteria for closure and realignment of military installations. In selecting military installations for closure or realignment, DoD is giving priority consideration to military value. The criteria include: 1) the current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of DoD's total force, including the impact on joint warfighting, training, and readiness; 2) the availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace at both existing and potential receiving locations; 3) the ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future total force requirements at both existing and potential receiving locations to support operations and training; 4) the cost of operations and the manpower implications; 5) the economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations; 6) the ability of both the existing and potential receiving communities' infrastructure to support forces, missions, and personnel; and 7) the environmental impact, including the impact of costs related to potential environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities. For further information, contact the Base Realignment and Closure Office, at (703) 614-5356.

FINAL RULE – ALTERNATIVE FUEL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: PRIVATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FLEET DETERMINATION

– On 29 January 2004 (69 FR 4219), the Department of Energy (DOE) published a final decision not to promulgate regulations requiring private and local government fleets to acquire alternative fueled vehicles. DOE found that such a requirement would not appreciably increase the percentage of alternative fuel and replacement fuel used by motor vehicles in the United States and would make no more than a negligible contribution to the achievement of the replacement fuel goals set forth in Energy Policy Act of 1992. DOE's experience with implementation of the federal fleet, state fleet, and alternative fuel provider fleet programs led DOE to conclude that given the current alternative fuel infrastructure and high alternative fuel costs relative to conventional motor fuels, market forces would prevent more than a very small increase in replacement fuel use in covered fleets, even if DOE were to impose a private and local government fleet AFV vehicle acquisition requirement. For further information contact Dana O'Hara, DOE at (202) 586-9171, or link <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-1923.htm>.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUMS, AND TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP

9-11 March 2004 – San Diego, California

The Naval Civil Engineer Corps Officers School (CECOS) is offering this workshop tuition-free to all DoD personnel. The workshop provides instruction on the negotiating and communication skills necessary to establish productive relationships and achieve beneficial agreements with regulatory and public stakeholders. It stresses the human, organizational and public interaction aspects of building constructive relationships with stakeholders in order to obtain mutually beneficial decisions in environmental decision making. Case studies and role-playing provide an opportunity for every student to apply the information presented in class. For more information and registration, visit the CECOS web site: <https://www.cecocos.navy.mil>.

UXO/COUNTERMINE FORUM

9-13 March 2004 – St. Louis, Missouri

This forum will address challenges in military sustainment through technical presentations, exhibits and networking events. It is intended to showcase cutting edge UXO and countermining technologies, ideas programs and partnerships for researchers, policy makers and program planners. For more information or to register, call (865) 379-7065, or e-mail TheForum@ImpactStrategicEvents.com.

DSMOA NATIONAL WORKSHOP

15-18 March 2004 – Atlanta Georgia

DoD is sponsoring this workshop for all DSMOA participants and hopes to have at least one program manager and one financial manager from each participating state in attendance. The workshop will include mini training sessions, large and small group presentations, panel discussions, and breakout sessions. Current issues from DoD and states' perspectives will be shared and discussed. For more information or to register, link <http://www.ttclients.com/dsmoa2004>.

NATIONAL MILITARY FISH AND WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION (NMFWA) MEETING

15-19 March 2004 – Spokane, Washington

This year's workshop will be held in conjunction with the 69th North American Wildlife and Natural Resource (NAWNR) Conference. The workshop will include technical presentations on Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan Implementation, ecosystem management, modern biological techniques, prescribed fire, endangered species and the military mission, and conservation law enforcement. For more information or to register, link <http://www.nmfwa.org>. For information on the NAWNR conference, link <http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org>.

INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

16-18 March 2004 – New Orleans, Louisiana

17-19 August 2004 – Bangor, Maine

This course provides an integrated overview of all pertinent laws and regulations needed to understand and fulfill cultural resource management responsibilities. The curriculum is designed around a series of inter-related case studies discussed during the course. The course is taught in conjunction with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and is approved by the Inter-service Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB). For more information or to register, link <https://www.cecocos.navy.mil>.

NDIA 30TH ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY SYMPOSIUM**5-8 April 2004 – San Diego, California**

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) is presenting this symposium to provide a national forum for the exchange of technical information, government policy, regulations, programs, and law; and new ideas on environmental and energy issues, performance tracking, and areas of concern. The theme of the symposium is: "DoD Transformation Leading Towards Results-Based Environmental and Energy Programs." This event is intended for industry leaders, practitioners, environmental and energy officials, operators, and other personnel within government agencies. For more information, contact Naomi Mundy at (703) 247-9476, or link <http://www.ndia.org>.

WATER QUALITY STANDARDS ACADEMY**5-9 April 2004 – Washington, DC****17-21 May 2004 – Washington, DC**

EPA is presenting two sessions of the Water Quality Standards Academy Basic Course. The course is a five-day introduction designed for those with fewer than six months' experience, although water quality standards veterans can benefit from the course as a refresher. This is a comprehensive and highly structured course that introduces participants to all aspects of the water quality standards program, including the interpretation and application of the water quality standards regulation; policies and program guidance; the development of water quality criteria (human health, aquatic life, sediment, nutrient and biological); and all other facets of the program. For further information or to register, link <http://www.glec-online.com/form.htm>.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE SUMMIT**19-22 April 2004 – Baltimore, Maryland**

EPA has announced the merger of the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable Spring Conference and the National Compliance Assistance Providers Forum. This summit, titled "One Environment/One Conference," will cover advances and innovations in environmental issues and solutions, pollution prevention, and compliance assistance programs, methods, technologies and environmental policies. For more information, call (202) 299-9701, or link <http://www.p2.org/summit2004/>.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW AND SECTION 106 COMPLIANCE**20-22 April 2004 – San Antonio, Texas****20-22 July 2004 – Annapolis, Maryland**

This course emphasizes legal compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process using actual case studies. It addresses legislation and the process to meet the requirements of the law. Course content includes: the stewardship role; use of historic properties; and communications with related oversight agencies. For more information or to register, link <https://www.cec.navy.mil>.

INTRODUCTORY HEALTH RISK COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS**27-29 April 2004 – Honolulu, Hawaii**

The Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine is presenting these workshops to instruct participants how to identify, build, maintain, and utilize strategic partnerships and plans to support an organization's mission. The workshop will provide a basic understanding of the concepts, principles, and process of effective risk communication. Topics include: History and Philosophy of Risk Communication, Steps of the Risk Communication Process, Importance of Identifying, Understanding, and Collaborating with Key Stakeholders, Pitfalls to Effective Risk Communication, and Basic Tools for Engaging the Media. For more information or to register link <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/risk>.

APPLIED CLEAN AIR ACT**27-29 April 2004 – Richland, Washington**

RTI is offering this course for environmental professionals who are responsible for implementation and monitoring of their facilities' compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The course provides detailed information on all facets of the CAA and the 1990 Amendments. It covers the fundamentals of air pollution such as abatement equipment, monitoring, and air dispersion models. For more information or to register, call (803) 652-8830, or link <http://www.rti.org>.

12TH ANNUAL GLOBAL DEMILITARIZATION SYMPOSIUM & EXHIBITION**17-20 May 2004- Dallas, Texas**

The Joint Ordnance Commanders Group and NDIA are presenting this symposium to support DoD in numerous efforts directed at reducing the stockpile of excess and obsolete strategic, tactical, and conventional munitions. The agenda will focus on global challenges and successes experienced in the disposition of energetic materials. Topics of interest will include ongoing disposal, recycling and reuse programs, research and development efforts, transitioning technologies, and the latest policy issues. For more information or to register, link www.ndia.org.

LEAD-BASED PAINT REGULATION TRAINING**20 May 2004 – Lakewood, Colorado**

EPA is offering this free training to provide Federal Facilities participants with a detailed explanation of its regulations pertaining to lead-based paint. In addition, representatives from OSHA and HUD will present information on their lead-based paint regulations. Training will consist of lectures and interactive discussions. Specific topics include: EPA Lead Hazard Standards, Lead Disclosure Rule, Pre-Renovation Education Rule, EPA Certification Requirements for Lead-Based Paint Activities, OSHA Lead Enforcement Program, and HUD Lead Based Paint Regulation. For more information or to register, link http://www.epa.gov/region8/toxics_pesticides/leadpnt/workshop.html.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS**25-28 May 2004 – Richland, Washington**

RTI is offering this course for personnel new to the field of waste management environmental compliance or environmental restoration, as well as persons who need an update on recent changes in environmental laws and regulations. The course will address high level waste storage in tanks and treatment for disposal; low level waste disposal; mixed waste treatment, storage and disposal; environmental compliance associated with operational or restart issues; decommissioning activities; and materials transportation. For more information or to register, call (803) 652-8830, or link <http://www.rti.org>.

EPA SCIENCE FORUM 2004**1-3 June 2004 – Washington, DC**

The theme for the 2004 EPA Science Forum will be "Healthy Communities and Ecosystems." This 3rd Annual Science Forum will showcase EPA's scientific accomplishments, demonstrate EPA's commitment to quality science, and highlight the impact of science in EPA decision-making. The Forum is designed to promote dialogue among EPA scientists and program staff, as well as EPA partners, stakeholders, and the public on critical scientific issues affecting the Agency. There will be concurrent sessions with accompanying poster presentations on key scientific topics. For more information or to register, link <http://www.epa.gov/ord/scienceforum>.

ACCELERATING SITE CLOSEOUT**15-17 June 2004 – Dallas, Texas**

The Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable is sponsoring this conference with the theme: "Improving Performance and Reducing Costs Through Optimization." The goals of the conference are to: 1) outline long-term remediation liabilities and optimization needs and opportunities; 2) disseminate existing and emerging optimization strategies, technologies, tools, and science; 3) communicate lessons learned and identify technical, institutional, contractual, and other enhancements and encumbrances to achieving positive optimization results; and 4) present remedial optimization within the context of site-wide and multi-site management programs. For more information or to register, link <http://www.clu-in.org/siteopt/siteopt.htm>.

2004 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE**15-18 June 2004 – Denver, Colorado**

EPA is sponsoring this 7th annual conference to share lessons learned and to establish and monitor its standards for community involvement. The conference will cover the entire scope of public participation, community involvement, partnership building, and outreach and education related to all aspects of

environmental protection. For more information, contact Lisa Gebler at (301) 589-5318, ext. 23, or link <http://www.epancic.org/2004>.

McCOY RCRA SEMINAR

21-25 June – Portland, Oregon

McCoy and Associates is offering this RCRA training with five sessions at each seminar: 1) RCRA Fundamentals; 2) Critical Generator Issues; 3) Advanced RCRA Topics I; 4) Advanced RCRA Topics II and Land Disposal Restrictions I; and 5) Land Disposal Restrictions II and RCRA Rules Under Development. The seminar is designed for hazardous waste generators, environmental managers, compliance specialists, environmental consultants, and environmental attorneys. For more information or to register, call (303) 526-2674, or link <http://www.mccoyseminars.com>.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE

22-25 June 2004 – Aberdeen, Maryland

This course offers instruction in specific natural resources laws, regulations, policies, Executive Orders, DoD instructions, and other guidance, noting Service-specific requirements. It addresses stewardship, preservation and process; fish, game and wildlife management laws; protection of wetlands, waterways and other protected ecological areas; forest and land use management laws; and inter-service cooperation. This is an Inter-service Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB approved) course. For more information or to register, link <https://www.cecos.navy.mil>.

9TH ANNUAL JOINT SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

16-19 August 2004 – San Antonio, Texas

The National Defense Industrial Association is presenting this conference and exhibition ((formerly the Joint Services Pollution Prevention and Hazardous Waste Management Conference and Exhibition). The theme of the 2004 conference is "Sustaining the Force: Optimizing Readiness Through the Prevention of Pollution." For more information, contact Naomi Mundy at (703) 247-9476, or link <http://www.ndia.org>.

13TH ANNUAL ITAM WORKSHOP

16-20 August 2004 – San Francisco, California

The Army is calling for abstracts for the Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) workshop. Suggested topics are: land rehabilitation and maintenance, land condition trend analysis, sustainable range awareness, training requirements integration, and geographical information system. Abstracts are due by 31 March. For more information, link <http://www.army-itam.com/public/workshop/13th/callforpapers.jsp>.

ADVANCED RISK COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

23-26 August 2004 – San Antonio, Texas

The Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine is presenting this workshop to instruct participants how to identify, build, maintain, and utilize strategic partnerships and plans to support an organization's mission. The workshop builds on the "Introductory Health Risk Communication Workshop" listed above (a pre-requisite for this course) and will provide participants with hands-on experience in applying the steps of the risk communication process, on-camera media practice, and seminar-style discussions of "hot" issues impacting military health and readiness. There is no registration fee. For more information or to register, link <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/risk>.

2004 BROWNFIELDS CONFERENCE

20-22 September 2004 – St. Louis, Missouri

EPA is sponsoring this annual conference to bring together key experts from all levels of government, business, and finance to share ideas and experiences in the field of urban and environmental development. The conference will feature interactive discussions, educational presentations, and networking opportunities related to brownfields redevelopment. For additional information, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/announcg.htm>.

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STATE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS, LEGISLATION, AND NEWS



ALASKA

AIR INFORMATION:

PROPOSED REGULATION – AMENDMENTS TO TITLE V PERMIT PROGRAM - The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has proposed amendments to its Title V air operating permitting program. DEC proposed to adopt the EPA Program for major operating systems. The amendments also have a separate program for minor operations. Comments are due by 24 March 2004. For more information, contact Bill Walker at (907) 465-5124.

WATER INFORMATION:

FINAL REGULATION – ADOPTION OF FEDERAL STANDARDS – The Alaska DEC has adopted by reference federal regulations for the lead and copper rule. Variances and exemptions to the rule will be proposed in 2004. The rule was rewritten to: (1) streamline requirements; (2) promote consistent implementation; and (3) help reduce the burden for water systems. The regulations were effective 11 January 2004. For more information, contact Karen Leis at (907) 269-3082.

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION – ASSUMPTION OF NPDES PROGRAM - Pursuant to legislation, DEC is investigating assuming the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) water discharge permitting program from EPA. DEC has prepared a final report for the legislature to consider in its debate on whether to assume primacy for Alaska's NPDES program. The draft report includes: (1) an overview of the federal NPDES Program and NPDES permitting in Alaska today; (2) proposed statutory and regulatory changes needed for State primacy; (3) projected costs to transition to primacy and to implement a State run program; and (4) a timeline to achieve primacy. For more information, contact Sharon Morgan at (907) 465-5530, or link http://www.state.ak.us/dec/dawq/waterpermits/npdes/npdes_primacy_report_final.pdf.

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION – 2003 TMDLs – The Alaska DEC is discussing proposing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for several water bodies: (1) Fish Creek; (2) Little Rabbit Creek; (3) Furrow Creek; (4) Little Survival Creek; (5) Chester Creek; (6) Little Cambell Creek; and (7) Ship Creek. The criteria pollutants for these TMDLs have not been determined yet. DEC anticipates proposing these TMDLs shortly and adopting them by mid-2004. For more information, contact Drew Grant at (907) 465-5304.

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION – COSTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT – The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is discussing proposing amendments to Alaska's Coastal Management Program. The amendments will revise the basic components of the program to meet new statutory requirements. Recently enacted legislation: (1) eliminates the Alaska Coastal Policy Council and creates an Alaska Coastal Program Evaluation Council; (2) eliminates district coastal management enforceable policies, but retains a local role; (3) authorizes DNR to adopt local ordinances as enforceable policies to be applied in consistency reviews of federal projects and Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) development;

and (4) adopts certain existing coastal district policies for federal OCS development as State enforceable policies. DNR will request public comment shortly. For more information, contact Kim Kruse at (907) 269-7473.

Legislative Developments:

The 2004 legislative session began 12 January and will end 11 May. For current information on the legislative session, link <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/>.

ALASKA SB 116 – AIR EMISSIONS - States that, except for the owner and operator of a stationary source exempted under law, the owner and operator of a stationary source is required to obtain an operating permit from the Department of Environmental Conservation if the stationary source: (1) emits or has the potential to emit 100 TPY or more of a regulated air pollutant; (2) emits or has the potential to emit 10 TPY or more of a hazardous air pollutant or 25 TPY or more, in the aggregate, of two or more hazardous air pollutants; (3) contains an emission unit subject to federal new source performance standards or national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants. Carried over to 2004 session. The sponsor is the House Rules Committee.

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IDAHO

AIR INFORMATION:

ADOPTED REGULATION – CERTIFICATION OF TITLE V SOURCES - The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has adopted temporary and permanent amendments to its compliance certification of Title V sources in order to comply with federal changes. The amendments require Title V sources to identify specific information when submitting compliance certification. The temporary amendments were effective 5 February 2004. The permanent amendments will become final and effective upon the conclusion of the 2005 legislative session if approved by the Legislature. For more information, contact Phyllis Heitman at (208) 373-0502, or link http://www.deq.state.id.us/rules/58_0101_0302_prelim_draft.pdf.

WATER INFORMATION:

FINAL TMDL – ST. JOE/ST. MARIES WATER BODIES – The Idaho DEQ has adopted total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the St. Joe/St. Maries water bodies. The TMDLs for the St. Joe water body are sediment, temperature, habitat alteration, nutrients, bacteria, and dissolved oxygen. The TMDLs for the St. Joe water body are sediment and temperature. The TMDLs were approved by EPA and were effective 21 August 2003. For more information, contact Marti Bridges at (208) 373-0382.

PROPOSED REGULATION - TMDLs – The Idaho DEQ has prepared the following TMDLs which have been approved by EPA: (1) Upper Owyhee River; (2) South Fork Coeur d'Alene River; (3) Upper Salmon River; (4) Pahsimeroi River; (5) South Fork Clearwater River; and (6) Big Wood River. DEQ gave final notice (approval) for the South Fork Clearwater River TMDL on 7 January 2004. For more information, contact Marti Bridges at (208) 373-0382, or link <http://www2.state.id.us/deq/water/tmdls/tmdlstatus.htm>.

Legislative Developments

The 2004 legislative session began 12 January and will end 4 April. For current information on the 2003 session, link <http://www2.state.id.us/legislat/>.

IDAHO HB 544 – WATER QUALITY - Requires the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to appoint watershed advisory groups. The purpose of these groups is to work with DEQ on the appropriateness, attainability and status of designated beneficial uses within the watershed, and development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). It further requires an affirmative vote of at least fifty percent of the members of the watershed advisory group before a TMDL can be submitted for approval. Introduced 27 January 2004 and referred to Environmental Affairs Committee. Amended and reported from Committee 3 February. The sponsor is the House Environmental Affairs Committee.

IDAHO HB 676 – HAZARDOUS WASTE - Amends existing law to increase fees applicable to the transportation of hazardous waste. Introduced 13 February 2004. Passed House 26 February. The sponsor is the House Environmental Affairs Committee.

IDAHO SJM 105 – LAND USE - Notifies the President of the United States, the United States Senate and House of Representatives and Idaho's congressional delegation that the Legislature of the State of Idaho considers Mountain Home Air Force Base to be an extremely important component of the strategic military defense of the United States. Introduced 10 February 2004. Passed Senate 12 February. Passed House 25 February. The sponsor is the Senate State Affairs Committee.



OREGON

Regulatory Developments and Other State Information

FINAL REGULATION – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION – The Oregon Department of Transportation has readopted the federal motor carrier safety and hazardous materials transportation regulations to include revisions that will become enforceable 4 January 2004. The readopted regulations were effective on that date. For more information, contact Brenda Trump at (503) 945-5278, or link http://www.odot.state.or.us/rules/pdfs/20030825/D_Text_Federal.pdf.

AIR INFORMATION:

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – On 13 February 2004 (69 FR 7148), EPA delegated authority for implementation and enforcement of the federal New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The submissions cover new EPA standards and revisions to standards previously delegated to DEQ. EPA has reviewed DEQ's updated regulations and determined that DEQ has adequate and effective procedures for the implementation and enforcement of these standards. The delegation was effective 15 December 2003. For further information, contact Lucita Valiere, EPA at (206) 553-8087.

FINAL REGULATION – REGIONAL HAZE SIP - The Oregon DEQ has adopted amendments to the Oregon State Implementation Plan (SIP). These amendments implement regional haze strategies to reduce air pollution and protect visibility in national parks and wilderness areas. These strategies represent the first step in improving visibility under the federal Regional Haze Rule, adopted by EPA in 1999. The amendments were effective 12 December 2003. For more information, contact Rachel Sakata at (503) 229-5659.

FINAL PLAN - ADOPTION OF WRAP SO_x MARKET TRADING PROGRAM - The Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) has developed a market trading program for sulfur oxides (SO_x) to be incorporated into SIPs, including Oregon's visibility SIP. This program only applies to large sources that emit 100 tons per year of SO_x. The program sets a regional cap that will decline over an 18-year period. If the cap is exceeded, then the trading program is triggered. If the cap is not exceeded, then sources can develop their own plans to avoid the cap. The Oregon DEQ has incorporated this program into its visibility SIP. The plan was adopted on 5 December 2003 and submitted to EPA for approval. For more information, contact Brian Finneran at (503) 229-6278.

WASTE INFORMATION:

FINAL REGULATION – UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS – The Oregon DEQ has adopted an amendment that modifies the existing definition of an "underground storage tank" (UST) and adds a definition of "earthen materials" to clarify the meaning of UST. These rule amendments only apply to regulated USTs. They do not apply to heating oil tanks. The amendments were effective 15 November 2003. For more information, contact Mitchell Scheel at (503) 229-6704.

WATER INFORMATION:

FINAL REGULATION – ADOPTION OF FEDERAL SAFE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS – The Oregon DEQ has adopted the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rules. The rules were effective 15 August 2003. The adoption of the federal arsenic rule is still pending. For more information, contact David Leland at (503) 731-4010, ext. 757.

PROPOSED REGULATION – GENERAL STORMWATER PERMIT FOR MS4s – The Oregon DEQ has proposed amendments to adopt a general NPDES stormwater permit for small municipal separate storm sewer systems. Due to a ninth circuit court decision regarding the EPA small municipal water permit (the court noted that the public had a right to comment on each individual plan within a general permit), DEQ determined it best not to issue a general permit. DEQ decided to issue individual permits, which its rules already allow. Comments are due by 26 March 2004. For more information, contact Kevin Masterson (503) 229-5615.

Legislative Developments

The 2003 legislative session began 13 January. The Senate adjourned 26 August and the House adjourned 27 August. A summary of the significant environmental bill that were enacted and signed was included in the October 2003 Review. For more information on the legislative session, link <http://www.leg.state.or.us>. There will be no regular legislative session in 2004.

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WASHINGTON

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DRAFT REPORT – KILLER WHALE STATUS – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has issued a draft report to list killer whale (*Orcinus orca*). The draft recommends that it be listed as a state endangered species. Public hearing will be held 2-3 April 2004. For more information, contact Harriet Allen at (360) 902-2515.

AIR INFORMATION:

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY - NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – On 13 February 2004 (69 FR 7135), EPA delegated authority for implementation and enforcement of New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) to the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE), Benton Clean Air Authority, Northwest Air Pollution Authority, Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority, Southwest Clean Air Agency, and Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority. EPA has determined that these State and local air agencies have adequate and effective procedures for the implementation and enforcement of these standards. The delegation was effective 13 February 2004. For further information, contact Lucita Valiere, EPA at (206) 553-8087.

WASTE INFORMATION:

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION – DANGEROUS WASTE REGULATIONS – The Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) is discussing proposing amendments to its dangerous waste regulations. These amendments will incorporate several federal hazardous waste regulations: (1) adding mercury-containing devices to the universal waste rule; (2) updating export requirements; (3) adopting air emission permit rules; and (4) making amendments to corrective action rules. The amendments will be proposed in June 2004. For more information, contact Patricia Hervieux at (360) 407-6756 or link <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/wac173303/d0310.pdf>.

WATER INFORMATION:

FINAL POLICY – NONCONSUMPTIVE USES OF WATER – The Washington DOE has issued a policy statement regarding nonconsumptive use of water in relation to 173-152 WAC, Water Rights. The policy clarifies that the following types of projects qualify as being nonconsumptive: (1) a project entailing the issuance of a nonconsumptive water right permit (i.e., where there is no diversion or diminishment of the source); (2) a project where the direct use of waters of the State is proposed in exchange for discharge of at least an equivalent amount of reclaimed water; and (3) a water budget neutral project. The policy was effective 21 January 2004. For more information, contact Jeff Marti at (360) 407-6636 or link <http://slc.leg.wa.gov/wsr/2004/03/04-03-110.htm>.

DRAFT LIST – CRITERIA FOR LISTING IMPAIRED WATERS IN THE 2002 303(d) LIST – The DOE has proposed its 2002 303(d) List of impaired waters. Part of the process will include developing and adopting a policy on listing issues such as best professional judgment, natural conditions, instream flows, water segmentation, watersheds shared with the Tribes, narrative criteria, use attainability analysis, and the use of old data (older than 10 years). The DOE has developed a policy for identifying impaired waters for the list and will require good information on water quality impairments. Also DOE will not list naturally impaired bodies, bodies impaired with no significant human contribution, and bodies likely to be considered impaired in future lists. Comments are due by 15 March 2004. For more information, contact Ken Koch at (360) 407-6782 or link <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/2002/2002-index.html>.

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION – INSTREAM RESOURCE PROTECTION FOR COLUMBIA RIVER

The Washington DOE is drafting amendments to its instream resource protection program for the mainstem Columbia River. The amendments will establish a new water management program for the Columbia River that defines how DOE will carry out its dual obligations to allocate water and preserve a healthy environment. DOE is seeking scientific advice about the relative effects of off-stream uses in comparison to existing hydropower and fisheries uses of the river. The question of scale is important because off-stream water needs may not insignificantly affect other uses of the river. DOE anticipates holding workshops before proposing the program and is inviting interested parties to participate in drafting the proposed rule. For more information, contact Gerry O'Keefe at (360) 407-6640, or link <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cr/crhome.html>.

Legislative Developments

The 2004 legislative session began 12 January and will end 11 March. For current information on the legislative session, link <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm>.

WASHINGTON HB 2244 – INCINERATION BANS - Limits outdoor burning when a fire safety burn ban is declared. Carried over from 2003. Referred to Rules Committee 16 January 2004. Passed House 11 February. The sponsor is Representative Jerome Delvin (R).

WASHINGTON HB 2308 – SOLID WASTE - Requires the Department of Ecology (DOE) to develop specific criteria for the types of solid wastes that are allowed to be received by inert waste landfills. Prefiled 23 December 2003. Referred to Fisheries, Ecology, and Parks Committee 12 January 2004. Passed House 17 February. The sponsor is Representative Mark Schoesler (R).

WASHINGTON HB 2478 – UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS - Revises provisions regulating underground petroleum storage tanks. Establishes a temporary program to provide pollution liability reinsurance at a price that will encourage a private insurance company or risk retention group to sell pollution liability insurance to owners and operators of underground petroleum storage tanks. Introduced and referred to House Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee 15 January 2004. The sponsor is Representative Jeff Cooper (D).

WASHINGTON HB 2487 – ELECTRONIC WASTE - Prohibits any person from knowingly disposing of covered electronic products except by delivery to a person collecting covered electronic products. Prohibits any owner or operator of a solid waste landfill, energy recovery facility, or incinerator to knowingly accept hazardous electronic material for disposal in the landfill, energy recovery facility, or incinerator. Declares that all covered electronic products are assumed hazardous electronic material unless they are proven not to contain concentrations of toxic materials of the toxicity. Effective 1 January 2006. The sponsor is Representative Jeff Cooper (D).

WASHINGTON HB 2591 – LAND USE - Directs DOE to review the State and local policies included in the State's approved coastal zone management program, and other State and local policies not included in the program, which if included would further the purposes of protecting the State's coastal zone. Requires that the review be conducted in consultation with other State agencies and local governments administering the policies and programs under review, and, at a minimum, must include the Departments of Natural Resources and Fish and Wildlife, and the governing bodies of the counties included within the state's coastal zone. Introduced and referred to House Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee 16 January 2004. The sponsor is Representative Jeff Cooper (D).

WASHINGTON HB 2682 – STORMWATER - Provides that, for the purposes of urban stormwater runoff, it shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drain, run, or otherwise discharge into any of the waters of the State, or to cause, permit, or suffer to be thrown, run, drained, allowed to seep or otherwise discharged into such waters any organic or inorganic matter that shall cause or tend to cause pollution of such waters according to the provisions of EPA's stormwater regulations. Introduced and referred to House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee 19 January 2004. The sponsor is Representative Mark Schoesler (R).

WASHINGTON HB 2710 – NOISE - Declares that "significant underwater noise" means underwater sound levels of one hundred eighty decibels or more generated from vessels, sonar devices, acoustic surveys, and other devices that have the potential to harm marine life. Introduced and referred to House Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee 20 January 2004. The sponsor is Representative Ruth Kagi (D).

WASHINGTON HB 2719 – WATER - Extends the date for implementation of ballast water discharge requirements to 1 July 2008. Introduced and referred to House Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee 16 January 2004. The sponsor is Representative Mike Cooper (D).

WASHINGTON HB 2731 – STORMWATER - Authorizes DOE to issue stormwater general permits under the national pollution discharge elimination system of the federal Clean Water Act if such permits are required to comply with federal standards. Subjects the permits to the following conditions: (1) the implementation and maintenance of best management practices for on-site pollution control is presumed to constitute compliance with the standards and requirements of the permit, and (2) for purposes of stormwater discharges, meeting effluent discharge limits must be demonstrated through implementation of best management practices sufficient to equate to all known and reasonable treatment. Introduced and referred to House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee 20 January 2004. The sponsor is Representative William Eickmeyer (D).

WASHINGTON HB 2822 – ALTERNATIVE FUELS - Authorizes the use of high-occupancy vehicle lanes by low- emission vehicles. Introduced and referred to House Transportation Committee 21 January 2004. The sponsor is Representative Brian Sullivan (D).

WASHINGTON HB 2823 – ALTERNATIVE FUELS - Provides incentives to reduce air pollution and improve energy security through the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Introduced and referred to House Technology, Telecommunications and Energy Committee 21 January 2004. Amended and reported from Committee 4 February. Referred to Finance Committee 6 February. Amended and reported from Finance Committee 10 February. Failed 17 February. The sponsor is Representative Brian Sullivan (D).

WASHINGTON HB 2937 – ALTERNATIVE FUELS - Exempts one hundred percent biodiesel fuel from the additional special fuel tax. Introduced and referred to House Transportation Committee 23 January 2004. The sponsor is Representative Brian Sullivan (D).

WASHINGTON HB 3002 – INCINERATION BANS - Permits the Governor to enact a temporary statewide ban on outdoor burning during an extreme fire hazard. Introduced and referred to House Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee 26 January 2004. Amended and reported from Committee 6 February. Failed 17 February. The sponsor is Representative Mike Cooper (D).

WASHINGTON HB 3020 – SPILL LIABILITY PLANS - Requires DOE to adopt rules by 30 June 2006 for ship refueling and bunkering, and transfers of oil between facilities and a tank vessel. Provides that the rules shall include standards requiring deployment of containment equipment prior to the transfer of oil when determined to be safe and effective. Introduced and referred to House Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee 26 January 2004. Amended, reported from Committee and referred to Appropriations Committee 6 February. Reported from Appropriations Committee 9 February. Passed House 13 February. The sponsor is Representative Mike Cooper (D).

WASHINGTON HB 3021 – SPILL LIABILITY PLANS - Provides that, to ensure that the State oil spill program is utilizing the most effective and up-to-date methods and technologies, DOE shall initiate a review of current oil spill prevention and contingency plan requirements to determine their effectiveness in preventing and responding to oil and other hazardous substances spills. Introduced and referred to House Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee 26 January 2004. The sponsor is Representative Phil Rockefeller (D).

WASHINGTON HB 3056 – LAND USE - Declares an intent to create a task force that would examine how State and local land use regulation affects military training, and to recommend solutions when such regulation is found to interfere with such training. Requires the committee to report to the Legislature by 31 December 2004, on the committee's findings and on suggested legislative solutions. Introduced and referred to House State Government Committee 28 January 2003. The sponsor is Representative Barbara Bailey (R).

WASHINGTON HB 3112 – SPILL LIABILITY PLANS - Requires DOE to work with stakeholders to develop a report describing: (1) The types of fueling practices being employed by covered vessels and ships; (2) The current spill prevention planning requirements that are applicable under state and federal law for covered vessels and ships; and (3) The current spill response requirements under state and federal law for covered vessels and ships. Directs DOE to report recommendations for regulatory improvements for covered vessel and ship fueling. Introduced and referred to House Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee 28 January 2004. Amended, reported from Committee and referred to Transportation Committee 6 February. Passed House 14 February. The sponsor is Representative Mike Cooper (D).

WASHINGTON SB 6139 – UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS - Establishes a program to provide pollution liability reinsurance at a price that will encourage a private insurance company or risk retention group to sell pollution liability insurance to owners and operators of underground petroleum storage tanks. Prefiled 9 January 2004. Referred to Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee 12 January. The sponsor is Senator Bob Morton (R).

WASHINGTON SB 6264 – PERMITTING - Provides that DOE or local governments may issue general permits for any category of activities if they determine that the activities in such a category are similar in nature, will cause only minimal adverse impacts on fish life when performed separately, and will have only a minimal cumulative impact on fish life. Requires that the general permit must include the following: (1) a precise description of the activities covered by the permit; (2) the conditions and practices an applicant must follow to receive coverage under the permit; (3) the geographic scope of the permit; (4) the method to obtain coverage under the permit; and (5) any requirements for reporting at project completion. Introduced and referred to Senate Parks, Fish and Wildlife Committee 15 January 2004. Amended, reported from Committee and referred to Rules Committee 3 February. Passed Senate 16 February. The sponsor is Senator Dan Swecker (R).

WASHINGTON SB 6329 – WATER - Extends the date for implementation of ballast water discharge requirements to 1 July 2008. Introduced and referred to Senate Parks, Fish and Wildlife Committee 16 January 2004. Amended and reported from Committee 4 February. Passed Senate 16 February. The sponsor is Senator Bob Oke (R).

WASHINGTON SB 6401 – LAND USE - Declares that military installations are of particular importance to the economic health of the State of Washington and it is a priority of the State to protect the land surrounding our military installations from encroachment. Requires each county and city planning that has a federal military installation, other than a reserve center, that employs one hundred or more personnel and is operated by the Department of Defense within or adjacent to its border to, in consultation with the commander of the military installation, adopt strategies in its comprehensive plan to identify lands adjacent to military installations, and adopt policies to ensure that those lands are protected from encroachment. Introduced and referred to Senate Land Use and Planning Committee 19 January 2004. Passed Senate 17 February. The sponsor is Senator Marilyn Rasmussen (D).

WASHINGTON SB 6410 – TRANSPORTATION - Requires that any vehicle operating on a paved public highway with a load of dirt, sand, or gravel susceptible to being dropped, spilled, leaked, or otherwise escaping therefrom shall be covered so as to prevent spillage. Deletes the provision that states that covering of such loads is not required if six inches of freeboard is maintained within the bed. Introduced and referred to Senate Highways and Transportation Committee 20 January 2004. The sponsor is Senator Erik Poulsen (D).

WASHINGTON SB 6415 – STORMWATER – Authorizes DOE to issue storm water general permits under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System of the federal Clean Water Act. Introduced and referred to Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee 20 January 2004. Amended and reported from Committee 6 February. The sponsor is Senator Bob Morton (R).

WASHINGTON SB 6487 – ALTERNATIVE FUELS - Provides that all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in the State for use in internal combustion engines must contain at least two percent biodiesel fuel by volume. Requires that, on and after 1 July 2006, and until 1 July 2007, at least thirty-five percent of all gasoline sold by each distributor for use in motor vehicles in the State must contain ten percent ethanol by volume. Requires that, on and after 1 July 2007, and until 1 July 2008, at least seventy percent of all gasoline sold by each distributor for use in motor vehicles in the State must contain ten percent ethanol by volume. Requires that, on and after 1 July 2008, at least eighty-five percent of all gasoline sold by each distributor for use in motor vehicles in the State must contain ten percent ethanol by volume. Introduced and referred to Senate Natural Resources Energy and Water Committee 21 January 2004. The sponsor is Senator Joyce Mulliken (R).

WASHINGTON SB 6562 – STORMWATER - Provides that, for the purposes of urban stormwater runoff, it shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drain, run, or otherwise discharge into any of the waters of the State, or to cause, permit, or suffer to be thrown, run, drained, allowed to seep or otherwise discharged into such waters any organic or inorganic matter that shall cause or tend to cause pollution of such waters according to the provisions of EPA's stormwater regulations. Introduced and referred to Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee 23 January 2004. Reported from Committee 6 February. Failed 17 February. The sponsor is Senator Joyce Mulliken (R).

WASHINGTON SB 6580 – INCINERATION BANS - Allows the fire marshal to recommend that the Governor prohibit all outdoor burning on public and private land throughout the State or within specific portions of the State whenever the fire marshal finds that conditions of extreme fire hazard exist and that State resources or the protection of life and property may be in danger. Allows the Governor to issue an executive order forbidding all outdoor burning throughout the State or within specific portions of the State. Introduced and referred to Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee 26 January 2004. The sponsor is Senator Mark Doumit (D).

WASHINGTON SB 6641 – SPILL LIABILITY PLANS - Finds that the primary objective of the State is to adopt a zero spills strategy to prevent any oil or hazardous substances from entering waters of the State. Requires DOE to adopt rules as necessary to carry out the provisions of this act by 30 June 2006. Requires that the rules include standards for the circumstances under which containment equipment should be deployed including standards requiring deployment of containment equipment prior to the transfer of oil when determined to be safe and effective by the department. Requires a process for immediately notifying affected tribes of any oil spill. Introduced and referred to Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee 27 January 2004. Amended and reported from Committee 6 February. Passed Senate 13 February. The sponsor is Senator Betti Sheldon (D).

WASHINGTON SB 6685 – ALTERNATIVE FUELS - Provides incentives to reduce air pollution and improve energy security through the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Introduced and referred to Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee 29 January 2004. Reported from Committee 6 February. The sponsor is Senator Brian Murray (R).

WASHINGTON SJM 8039 – LAND USE - Requests relief for military installations in Washington State from the latest round of closures under the Base Realignment and Closure process. Introduced and referred to Senate Government Operations and Elections 26 January 2004. Reported from Committee 2 February. Amended and passed Senate 13 February. The sponsor is Senator Paul Shin (D).

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